

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A ground joint connector comprising:
a connector housing;
a plurality of connecting portions disposed in the connector housing and configured to be fitted with respective mating connectors; and
a ground terminal installed in the connector housing and having a common grounding portion and a plurality of terminal pieces connected to the common grounding portion,
wherein the plurality of terminal pieces are arranged to be protruded into the plurality of connecting portions respectively, and
wherein the common grounding portion is arranged to be protruded outward from the connector housing at a location separate from the connecting portions.
2. (Original) The ground joint connector as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plurality of connecting portions are arranged in a straight line.
3. (Currently Amended) The ground joint connector as claimed in claim 2, wherein the ground terminal further has a bus bar extended in a ~~direction as same as the~~ direction of the arrangement of the plurality of connecting portions, and
wherein the plurality of terminal pieces are protruded from one side of the bus bar.
4. (New) The ground joint connector as claimed in claim 1, wherein a mounting hole is provided on the common grounding portion.